



## *The Old Ironsides Report*

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### **Baghdad's NACs and DACs continue to work toward self-governance**

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Baghdad, Iraq-- As temperatures rise this August, so also does the tempo of discussions regarding important and controversial issues such as power, sewage, and security by the members of the Kadamiyah and Al Mansour interim District Advisory Councils (DACs). There are also neighborhood advisory councils (NACs).

The councils act as the neighborhood's or community's direct link to coalition forces working in their areas. Council members and coalition leaders meet weekly and more frequently when required. These councils identify areas needing assistance such as medical and dental programs, food issues and engineering help to improve schools and other community buildings. Councils will interact with military commanders as well as representatives of the Coalition Provisional Authority.

All the NACs and DACs meet at least once a week across northwest Baghdad. In fact, the DACs now have begun meeting in their own meeting halls in Kadamiyah and Mansour. These buildings have become available and have been repaired to acceptable levels through a joint effort of Iraqis, officials from CPA, and soldiers of the Bulldog Brigade.

The Interim District (Beladya) Advisory Councils have been both busy and productive during their short 11-week history. The councils have formed committees to discuss matters ranging from schools to unemployment to security and are taking Iraqi complaints to the highest levels through the City (Amanat) Advisory Council.

Information flows both ways as issues and information are brought back to the interim neighborhood advisory councils from coalition forces to be disseminated to every citizen.

District council members have also taken it upon themselves to stamp out corruption around the city.

The Al-Mansour District Council also tracks services, such as LPG (propane) distribution, that affect every Iraqi. Most Iraqis use propane to cook. The advisory councils also make recommendations to coalition forces identifying corrupt public employees who should be removed. On a weekly

basis, both the Kadamiyah and Al Mansour councils lift up Iraqi concerns to the respective Beladya District Directors General.

Each member of the council has accomplished all of this and more with no promise of pay from coalition forces.

While the councils may not agree on every matter they discuss, everyone in Baghdad is represented by the councils and self-governance is indeed starting to work in Iraqi. Council members and coalition forces are learning important lessons at every meeting.

The future of the councils and Iraqi is bright. Working together, coalition forces and Baghdad citizens continue to improve the quality of life for everyone in Iraq. Omar said and laughed. "But it is very effective."

### ***A Smart Tip From 1AD Safety***

#### **Ground Guides**

Ground guides will be used when--

- ▶ Rear visibility limited or is blocked by cargo
- ▶ Moving through assembly areas, motor pools, LSAs

Ground Guide Requirements--

- ▶ One ground guide is required for > 1 1/4-ton
- ▶ Two ground guides are required < 1 1/4-ton
- ▶ Two ground guides are required for Tracks

Ground Guides will--

- ▶ Not walk backwards
- ▶ Not position themselves between vehicles
- ▶ Use reflective vests/belts & flashlights when visibility is reduced
- ▶ Forward ground guides will be 10 feet in front of vehicle

## NEWS

### No Flinching in War on Terror, Bush Says

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) - Last week's bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad and renewed eye-for-an-eye attacks by the Israelis and Palestinians dealt setbacks to President Bush's effort to promote stability in the Middle East, yet he says he won't retreat in his battle against terrorists. "The world will not be intimidated," the president said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "A violent few will not determine the future of Iraq. ... A Palestinian state will never be built on a foundation of violence."

### Saddam's Hometown Gets Unrestricted Web

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) - The first words Ahmed Abdullah typed in the Google search engine were "George Bush." The 19-year-old wanted to access the president's Web site, something he said he couldn't do under restricted and tightly controlled Internet service during Saddam Hussein's rule. On Saturday, Saddam's hometown of Tikrit got its first postwar Internet cafe, where residents could browse any site free of fear of being monitored or blocked.

### Chaplain's Thought for the Day:

There's A Hole In My Sidewalk:

In Five Easy Chapters

#### CHAPTER ONE

I walk down a street and there's a big hole. I don't see it and fall into it. It's dark and hopeless and it takes me a long time to find my way out. It's not my fault!

#### CHAPTER TWO

I walk down the same street. There's a big hole and I can see it, but I still fall in. It's dark and hopeless and it takes me a long time to get out. It's still not my fault.

#### CHAPTER THREE

I walk down a street. There's a big hole. I can see it, but I still fall in. It's become a habit. But I keep my eyes open and get out immediately. It is my fault.

#### CHAPTER FOUR

I walk down a street. There's a big hole. And I walk around it.

#### CHAPTER FIVE

I walk down a different street.

Portia Nelson

A change of direction can make all the difference in the world. God offers that change of direction all we have to do is accept it.

## SPORTS

### Ex-Major Leaguer Bobby Bonds Dies at 57

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Bobby Bonds, one of the first major leaguers to blend home-run power with base-stealing speed and the father of one of baseball's greatest sluggers, died Saturday. He was 57. Barry Bonds' father had been ill for nearly a year with lung cancer and a brain tumor, but he never lost his love for baseball. He was at Pacific Bell Park on Wednesday night, watching his superstar son and the San Francisco Giants.

### Angels Rally Past Tigers 14-8 in 10

DETROIT (AP) -- Garret Anderson hit a two-run single with the bases loaded in the 10th inning, and the Anaheim Angels rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the Detroit Tigers 14-8 Saturday. Scott Spiezio added a three-run double and Jeff DaVanon walked with the bases loaded in the 10th for the Angels, which handed the Tigers their 11th straight loss - their third losing streak of nine or more games this season. The Tigers last lost 11 straight to start the 2002 season.

### Red Sox Nip Mariners 7-6 in 10 Innings

BOSTON (AP) -- Kevin Millar hit a game-winning double off the glove of leaping center fielder Mike Cameron with two outs in the 10th inning, sending the Boston Red Sox over the Seattle Mariners 7-6 Saturday. Boston won its third in a row and sent the AL West-leading Mariners to their season-high fourth straight loss.

### Hitchcock Helps Cards Top Phillies 5-3

ST. LOUIS (AP) -- Sterling Hitchcock won in his St. Louis debut, pitching an inning of scoreless relief as the Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 Saturday. Jim Edmonds had four hits and Matt Morris allowed a run over five innings in his first start since July 21 for St. Louis, which defeated the Phillies for the first time in eight games.

Women's Equality Day is one of eight ethnic observances recognized by the Department of Defense. Take this quiz and test your knowledge of this celebration.

## Women's Equality Day Quiz

1. August 26th is celebrated as Women's Equality Day to commemorate
  - a. the work women did during World War II
  - b. the anniversary of women's voting rights
  - c. the flappers of the 1920's
  - d. the contemporary women's rights movement
2. In what year did women in the United States win the right to vote?
  - a. 1776
  - b. 1848
  - c. 1920
  - d. 1946
3. What was the name given to the Amendment to the Constitution which guaranteed women's right to vote in the United States?
  - a. Abigail Adams Amendment
  - b. Sojourner Truth Amendment
  - c. Susan B. Anthony Amendment
  - d. Gloria Steinem Amendment
4. Women who worked for the women's right to vote were called
  - a. radical
  - b. immoral
  - c. suffragist
  - d. all of the above
5. The term suffragist is derived from
  - a. one who suffers
  - b. a voting tablet in ancient times
  - c. the Constitution
  - d. the Bill of Rights
6. How many other countries had already guaranteed women's right to vote before the campaign was won in the United States?
  - a. 6
  - b. 2
  - c. 1
  - d. 16
7. What was the first country that granted women the right to vote?
  - a. Canada
  - b. Germany
  - c. New Zealand
  - d. United Kingdom
8. Who was the first woman to be depicted on United States currency?
  - a. Abigail Adams
  - b. Sojourner Truth
  - c. Susan B. Anthony
  - d. Gloria Steinem
9. In what year did Congress designate Women's Equality Day?
  - a. 1971
  - b. 1974
  - c. 1963
  - d. 1980
10. Which amendment guaranteed women the right to vote?
  - a. 17th
  - b. 18th
  - c. 19th
  - d. 20th

## *Oddly Enough:*

### **Man Eats Burger in Every Kansas County**

STERLING, Kan. (AP) -- After three years of crossing the state on a quest for hamburgers, Bill Bunyan tasted victory on his 65th birthday. Fifty friends and strangers gathered at a restaurant in downtown Sterling Thursday to watch Bunyan eat a hamburger. When he bit into the burger, Bunyan, a retired teacher, had completed his effort to eat a hamburger in every one of the state's 105 counties. Bunyan's wife, Susan, made hamburger-shaped invitations and sent them to all the friends who'd helped Bunyan eat his way across the state. Dressed in a T-shirt decorated with a picture of Wimpy - the character from the Popeye cartoon known for his appetite for burgers - Bunyan told the crowd how he had achieved his goal. He started in June 2000 and aimed for 35 burgers a year. Bunyan marked off several counties the first year by stopping along the route from Dodge City to Lawrence. He would stop for a burger anytime he and his wife took a trip. Sometimes, they'd drive out of the way to get to a county he hadn't visited. Bunyan has a photo album filled with pictures of himself standing in front of almost every burger joint he tried along the way. Although Bunyan enjoyed the journey, he's glad it's over.

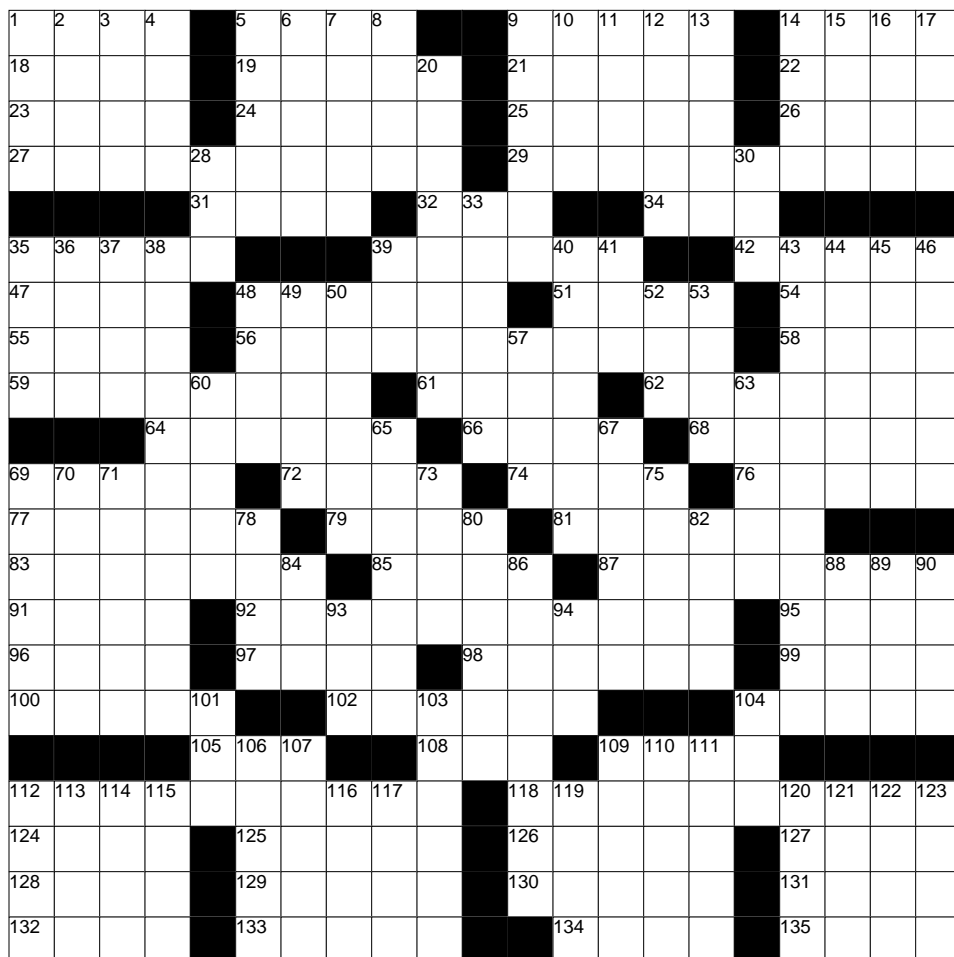
## *On This Day In History:* *August 24th, 1942*

U.S. forces continue to deliver crushing blows to the Japanese, sinking the aircraft carrier Ryuho in the Battle of the East Solomon Islands. Key to the Americans' success in this battle was the work of coastwatchers, a group of volunteers whose job it is to report on Japanese ship and aircraft movement. On August 23, coastwatchers, comprised mostly of Australian and New Zealander volunteers, hidden throughout the islands and protected by anti-Japanese natives, spotted heavy Japanese reinforcements headed for Guadalcanal. The coastwatchers alerted three U.S. carriers that were within 100 miles of Guadalcanal, which then raced to the scene to intercept. As for the coastwatchers, Vice Adm. William F. Halsey said, "The coastwatchers saved Guadalcanal, and Guadalcanal saved the Pacific."

# 8/24/03 FLOWERY TALK: A bouquet to brighten your day by Lee Weaver, edited by Stanley Newman

## Across

- 1 Pricey cracker spread
- 5 Like some trimmings
- 9 Scalawag
- 14 "\_\_\_, poor Yorick!"
- 18 Former spouses
- 19 African lilies
- 21 Wreck completely
- 22 Break in the action
- 23 Actress Lanchester
- 24 Discovery of 1930
- 25 Sports place
- 26 Malay boat
- 27 Porky's girlfriend
- 29 Li'l Abner's mom
- 31 Stadium near the Unisphere
- 32 Hair dressing
- 34 Brooklyn suffix
- 35 Try to advance on a fly out
- 39 Silent performers
- 42 Con games
- 47 Flattened circle
- 48 In dreamland
- 51 Add fringe to
- 54 Melville romance
- 55 Bias
- 56 Unscheduled train stop
- 58 "\_\_\_ Flanders"
- 59 Placed above
- 61 Aaron's daughter
- 62 Go along with
- 64 Cardiology adjective
- 66 Engagement symbol
- 68 Deli specialty
- 69 Eastern Europeans
- 72 Eastern European
- 74 Not in use, as a theater
- 76 Reaches across
- 77 More diminutive
- 79 Marsh bird
- 81 Floor finisher
- 83 Mohair source
- 85 "The Shoes of the Fisherman" author
- 87 Dish dryer
- 91 Film holder
- 92 Overdo it
- 95 Consumer draw
- 96 Poetic landscape
- 97 Fencing blade
- 98 Coat-of-arms figures
- 99 Humorist Bombeck
- 100 Make jubilant
- 102 Wallet item
- 104 Fur-trade pioneer
- 105 \_\_\_ Alamos, NM
- 108 Black cuckoo
- 109 "Chapter Two" actor
- 112 Computer-printer element
- 118 Meteorologist
- 124 Where all "strade" lead
- 125 South African region
- 126 Still
- 127 Give motivation to
- 128 Gray subj.
- 129 Obliterate
- 130 Glamour puss
- 131 Brain scans: Abbr.
- 132 "Singin' in the Rain" name
- 133 Took out
- 134 Tournament ranking
- 135 Brio



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## Down

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Quick glance              | 48 A great distance           | 112 Tow along         |
| 2 Hot-rod rod               | 49 Narrow openings            | 113 Top of the line   |
| 3 Set of questions          | 50 Lords' mates               | 114 "___ Old Cowhand" |
| 4 Biblical brother          | 52 ___ long way (last)        | 115 Overfill          |
| 5 ___ lazuli                | 53 MIT grad                   | 116 List shortener    |
| 6 Fifth word of the Koran   | 57 Saharan                    | 117 Soothe            |
| 7 Two-seat auto             | 60 Also-ran                   | 119 Responsibility    |
| 8 Himalayan enigma          | 63 Move to 0, maybe           | 120 Canal site        |
| 9 Flour or sugar            | 65 Elbow-to-elbow             | 121 Shoe stretcher    |
| 10 James Cain character     | 67 On the house               | 122 Dairy purchase    |
| 11 Egyptian sun god         | 69 Deprive of sustenance      | 123 Remainder         |
| 12 Parson's home            | 70 In succession              |                       |
| 13 Frolics                  | 71 Jessica's portrayer        |                       |
| 14 Rival rival              | 73 Writer Harte               |                       |
| 15 Skulk about              | 75 Prepared to propose        |                       |
| 16 Baseball family name     | 78 Blow a gasket              |                       |
| 17 Bridge coup              | 80 Refuse holder              |                       |
| 20 Most sodden              | 82 Work shift for many        |                       |
| 28 Tot's "time out"         | 84 Drink daintily             |                       |
| 30 Thumbs-up vote           | 86 Great                      |                       |
| 33 Caveat ___               | 88 Merlyn's student           |                       |
| 35 37 Down's dog            | 89 Sailor's saint             |                       |
| 36 Tel ___                  | 90 Shakespearean king         |                       |
| 37 Dorothy of Kansas        | 93 Kauai keepsake             |                       |
| 38 Kind of light            | 94 Escorted a group           |                       |
| 39 "Little Women" character | 101 TV Tarzan                 |                       |
| 40 Eye parts                | 103 Used the phone            |                       |
| 41 "Star Wars" initials     | 104 Santa ___ winds           |                       |
| 43 Turn out all right       | 106 Had possession of         |                       |
| 44 One-celled animal        | 107 Divvy up                  |                       |
| 45 Like lava                | 109 Mythical labyrinth locale |                       |
| 46 Wise lawgivers           | 110 Eagle's nest              |                       |
|                             | 111 Was in a play             |                       |